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Garden Notes

Unique, Exciting Dahlia

By M. V. CHESNUT, FRHS

Hang on to your hats—I've got some more free seeds for you!

A couple of weeks ago, about the time when we were struggling to fill your requests for Rhode Island tomato seeds, I asked you to keep a weather eye cocked on this column as I was expecting another windfall in the way of some unique and exciting new seeds.

Despite a spot of difficulty and some delay abroad, the shipment has arrived, and it exceeds my fondest expectations. It consists of an enormous bag of seeds, and once again I'd like to share them with all my gardening friends.

This time it is dahlia seeds—but a dahlia such as you have never seen before, the new Unwin Dwarf Hybrid.

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Dwarf dahlias are nothing new, of course. We have had the Coltness Gems and Unwin Dwarfs for some years now, and they have always been a great favorite of mine, as they are unsurpassed as cut flowers for the house.

I've been hearing rumors recently, though, of a newer, better kind—a shorter, more compact plant, neat enough for use in summer bedding schemes; bigger flowers in fully double form, and new, exciting colors.

I had a little trouble tracing down these rumors and finding a source of the seeds, but I located them finally where I should have looked in the first place—the firm of W. J. Unwin Ltd. in Cambridge, England, which has long been a pioneer in the development of the dahlia.

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Probably the chief virtue of the new dwarf dahlia is its ease of culture. You need no greenhouse, no coldframe, no indoor start, no sprouting of tubers, no staking and tying. Just stick the seeds in the ground and jump back fast!

The plants stand about 18 inches tall, making a neat little bush which covers itself with fully double flowers some four inches across, and with beautifully long stems, ideal for cutting. Seeds sown outdoors between now and the end of the month will produce flowers before the end of June, and the plants will continue to produce blooms right through until fall.

How do you get your seeds? Same as always—just ask for them. You can use the attached coupon, or if you prefer, you can write me a letter, enclosing a stamped and self-addressed envelope. When your letter comes in, our Colonist girls will open it, take out your envelope, slip a packet of the new seeds in it and mail it right back to you.

In Tuesday's paper I'll be giving a few pointers on how to grow the Unwin Dwarf Hybrid dahlias. It isn't a very complicated procedure, and I'd think a fellow would have to be the worst kind of stumblebum to fail with these seeds, but there are one or two tricks of the trade which will bring them along more quickly and make for better growth.

I suggest that you clip and save Tuesday's column, so you'll have it handy when you go to plant your free seeds. Better still, paste it up in your garden scrapbook, so it won't get lost.

Free Seed Offer

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Please send me your Unwin's Dwarf Dahlia seeds. I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Signed .....

Address .....

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I am a regular subscriber Yes..... No .....

The Viewing World

By John Crosby

And Yet Marvellous

Somewhat timorously, I'd like to venture the opinion that I found the Academy Awards telecast gripping. I say this in the face of universally bad notices and fully aware that Jerry Lewis's behavior was appalling, that the show ended an incredible 20 minutes ahead of schedule and that some of the production and staging was pretty horrendous.

Yet, in spite of all these clear and mostly avoidable blemishes, it's an exciting show that holds you (or me, anyway) for two reasons. For one, I want to know who won. For another, there's an overpowering glamour about the motion picture industry that television has never captured and that it might well study.

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I think that Cary Grant—to pick out only one—has a sort of preposterous aura that lights up the screen. It's an aura compounded of decades of successful pictures and legendary high living and good looks and unavailability. At least, unavailability in the home. Usually you've got to leave home and pay good money to see Cary Grant.

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I think Ingrid Bergman, trailing clouds of glory and the recollection of mighty passions and 10,000 flaming headlines, has an explosive excitement about her that Phil Silvers, alas, will never, never approach.

This, I think, is why some 70,000,000 North Americans tuned in the show. This is why they will tune it in again next year—and never mind this year's notices. Of course, it's pretty much a parade. White-tied men, begowned and bejewelled women, sweeping down a ramp, flashing the world's most famous dental work, men and women scampering up an aisle with varying degrees of eagerness and lack of aplomb—this is largely what the show consists of. Two hours is perhaps too long.

Glimpses of the nominees caught unaware in a zoomar lens—this is supposed to be bad taste but, again, it's what the customers want. The glimpses of Rosalind Russell looking outraged, of the ultimate winner, Susan Hayward, looking thunderous. (The bomb scare, publicized the next day, led a friend of mine to say: "Susan Hayward had the bomb. And if she didn't win, they were all going to go together.")

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Jerry Lewis acted as if he hated having anyone else get all that attention.

Losing the sound on Maurice Chevalier was inexcusable in this jet age. Coming out 20 minutes short almost took genius at bad planning.

And still, it had the greatest rating of all time. Seventy million looked at it. Apart from the World Series, does anything else command that sort of attention? And there were no commercials, bless them. That alone was worth the time and the attention.

Hollywood Today

By Sheilah Graham

Brynner Bean Fuzzy at Five

HOLLYWOOD (NANA)—They are setting their watches by the five o'clock shadow atop **Yul Brynner's** noggin in Europe. He tries not to shave it more than once a day.

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The big question when Hungarian bombshell **Eva Bartok** marries **Prince Shiv** of Palitana is: Will the marriage be recognized in India where Shiv's Maharajah father is opposed to the match? The same opposition was more or less responsible for the marital break-up of blonde actress **Nancy Valentine** and the young **Maharajah of Cooch Behar.** Their wedding was never recognized in India.

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Curt Jurgens threatened to walk out of "Ferry to Hong Kong" when co-star **Orson Welles** rewrote not only his own script but Curt's as well. He stayed when Welles promised to desist.

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The first and second **Mrs. Rex Harrison** were present when Rex's son, **Noel,** married **Mrs. Sara Tufnell** last week in London. Everyone kissed everyone and everyone cried at the appropriate moments.

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George Sanders and his third wife, **Ronald Colman's** widow **Benita,** occupy the royal suite at the Ritz Hotel in London while George films "A Slight Case of Larceny" with **James Mason** and **Vera Miles.** George's reasons for living in Switzerland from now on: "Marvelous country. Excellent cheese."

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Audrey Hepburn is having a difficult time getting through her scenes with **Burt Lancaster** and **Audie Murphy** in "The Unforgiven" in the Mexican cattle town, Durango. After every shot, Audrey has to lie flat on her back on a hard cane bed at set-side. She'll rest for a month before tackling her next movie—"No Bail for the Judge."

Winning Contract

By SCHENCKEN AND FREY

BRIDGE QUIZ

Once a suit has been agreed upon, either by direct support or by inference, the partnership should explore slam potentials below the game level if at all possible. New suit bids show controls rather than distribution, and at the same time indicate a willingness to play for slam. With a minimum hand, opener should simply bid game. The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♡	Pass	3♡	Pass
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What should you bid, holding:

a. ♠A84 ♡KQ974 ◇K94 ♣93

b. ♠A84 ♡KQ974 ◇KJ4 ♣A3

c. ♠A84 ♡KQ97 ◇K94 ♣Q83

d. ♠A84 ♡KQ974 ◇AKQJ ♣3

e. ♠A ♡Q87532 ◇AKQ53 ♣A

f. ♠52 ♡AQ1084 ◇AK104 ♣K3

ANSWERS TO BRIDGE QUIZ

(a) Four hearts. This is a minimum opener.

(b) Three spades. With two controls and a fine hand, slam is a distinct possibility. You plan to show the club control on the next round.

(c) Three no-trump. Partner should be informed of your balanced distribution.

(d) Four no-trump. If partner has two aces, bid seven, as your diamond suit figures to take care of any potential spade losers. Opposite one ace, six should be a laydown.

(e) Five no-trump. This is the grand slam force—asking partner to bid seven if he owns two of the three top honors in the mutually agreed suit. With only the ace or the king of trumps, partner will sign off in six hearts.

(f) Four diamonds. If partner fails to cue-bid in spades, forget about slam and settle for game in hearts.

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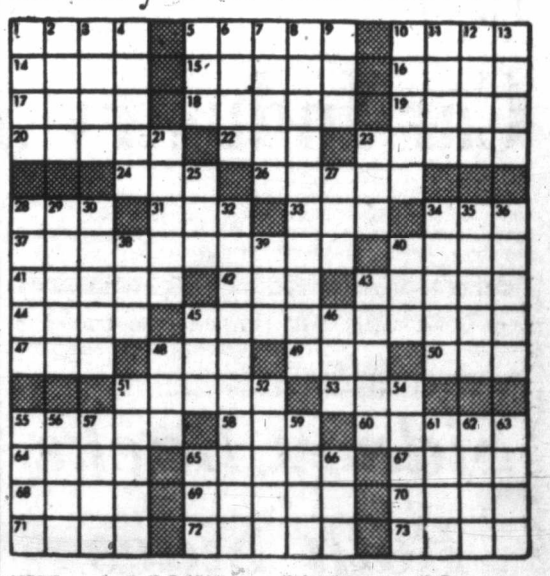
Steelworkers Reject Year's Wage Freeze

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The basic steel industry Friday proposed a one-year freeze on wages and drew a prompt and emphatic "no" from the United Steelworkers' Union.

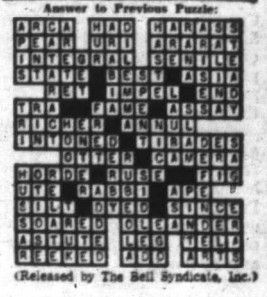
The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle . . .



ACROSS
1. Mine entrance.
8. A kind of bandage (surg.).
10. Tall crown of upper Egypt.
14. To eat.
15. Given by word of mouth.
16. A serous fluid (pl.).
17. Fruit.
18. Unaccompanied.
19. Adjust sails.
20. Narrow apertures.
22. Emmet.
23. Taut.
24. Part of body.
26. Kind of sword.
28. Old Dutch liquid measure.
31. It is (contr.).
33. Scotch for John.
34. Hail.
37. Stopping.
40. River of Germany.
41. Persian elf (pl.).
42. Holland commune.
43. Longitudinal division of old Roman circus.
44. Egyptian sacred bull.
45. Greedy.
47. Buddhist pillar.
48. Cravat.
49. As it stands (mus.).
50. A compass point.
51. Caisson disease.
53. Fortunate (India).
55. Poem by Homer.
58. To unclose.
60. Condition.
64. Maize.
65. Macaw.
67. Ireland.
68. Roman poet.
69. Danger.
70. Place where money is coined.
71. Headland.
72. Worms.
73. Satisfy.

DOWN
1. Sums up.
2. Clock face.
3. Preposition.
4. Part of saw (pl.).
5. Mineral spring.
6. Weight of ancient India.
7. Golf club (pl.).
8. Receptacles.
9. Beverage.
10. Flower.
11. Arctic bird.
12. Goddess of discord.
13. Renown.
21. Locations.
23. Number.
25. Transfix.
27. Sack.
28. Dismay.
29. S. American griddle-cake.
30. Deserve.
32. One who unloads vessel (pl.).
34. Goodbye (Sp.).
35. Second planet from sun.
36. Rub out.
38. Force.
39. Girl's name.
40. Slender finial.
43. Cleatrices.
45. Scotch for own.
46. Pronoun.
48. Spread for drying.
51. Musical group (pl.).
52. Boxes.
54. Separate entries.
55. Religious image.
56. Zero in tennis.
57. Flower.
59. Great Lake.
61. Tune.
62. To color.
63. Heraldry: grafted.
65. Mimic.
66. Mulberry (pl.).

Answer to Previous Puzzle:



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